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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 23 December 1965

R. Jack Smith reported on an interagency meeting yesterday concerning the situation in Rhodesia/Zambia. He noted that Under Secretary Thomas Mann is the principal officer for this problem. He suggested that the Intelligence Memorandum "Cambodia and the Viet Cong" be given high level distribution and the Acting Director agreed that this would be effected by letters over Mr. Smith's signature. He noted a letter to the DCI from the Joint Chiefs asking for certain information on world shipping to Cambodia. He said that a letter for the Acting Director's signature to General McConnell would be forthcoming during the day.

25X1 [] noted that the situation in the Dominican Republic had remained quiet over night. He gave a preliminary analysis of a speech given by the Prime Minister of Zambia yesterday. He noted the status of a relatively large shipment of penicillin from the Soviet Union to Cambodia.

The Acting Director agreed to a proposed Christmas message to Admiral Raborn as suggested by Mr. Earman.

25X1 Wheelon noted that a CORONA launch is scheduled for tomorrow. He raised the question of whether [] is to be cut in on satellite reconnaissance. R. Jack Smith said that there was a letter in O/DDI on this question, but that he was going to defer raising it until Mr. Cline returns on Monday. The Acting Director indicated that he had views on this question. Wheelon also noted that the Japanese planned to attempt a satellite launch within the next week, and he tabled a memo on this subject. He also reported that [] had dinner at Headquarters on Tuesday. He also gave a preliminary assessment of Soviet U-235 production.

25X1 Bross noted that the latest JAEIC report on nuclear explosions was interesting.

The Acting Director made brief reference to his visit to the White House last evening.

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